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                  Serial No: 10/600,175  
                  Filed: June 20, 2003  
                  For: ENDOVASCULAR TISSUE REMOVAL DEVICE  
                  Examiner: Farah, Ahmed M.  
                  Group: 3735  
                  Docket No: LE-204J

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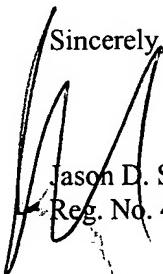
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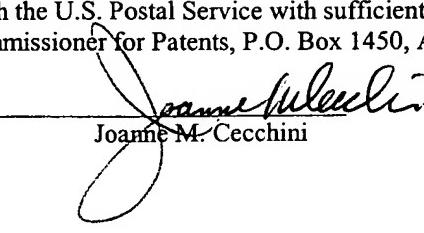
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please consider the applicant's remarks as follows.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.